

# Marks wants vote on recreation grant

A plebiscite on the question of a specific tax levy for recreation could be held in Acton when the municipal elections roll around in December.

Board of Parks and Recreation chairman Peter Marks is investigating the feasibility of

holding a plebiscite. He hopes to start action on the matter at the next council meeting.

**Reports on meeting**  
Reporting on the recent meeting at which local sports organizations applied for ice time in the arena, vice-chairman Bob

Laughlen said representatives were critical of this year's 50 per cent increase in fees. Mr. Laughlen replied the board was forced to increase fees in order to balance a budget reduced by council.

He suggested representatives

apply to clerk-administrator Joe Hurst to have their names placed on council's agenda at a future meeting.

**Must be larger grant**  
Offering his answer to the problem, Mr. Laughlen said, "There has to be a larger grant.

The town must assume recreation is more important than they seem to think."

According to the Ontario Municipal Act, if 15 per cent of the electorate petition council a plebiscite must be held, chairman Marks reported.



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## 60th anniversary

**DISTRICT FARMERS** for many years, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morrison look back over 60 years of marriage at their anniversary celebration in the scout hall Sunday. — (Staff Photo)

Congratulations were extended Sunday by about 100 callers to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morrison, who were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. The "at home" and family dinner party were held in the scout hall on Sunday.

Grandson Peter Morrison received the guests at the door, and granddaughters Mrs. Bob Heatley and Miss Shirley Morrison poured tea.

### Farmed in area

The Morrisons were married in Alton on September 30, 1910; she was the former Mabel Bass. They farmed in Caledon before coming to their farm on the first line of Erin, three miles out of Acton. Since they retired about 25 years ago they have lived just on the outskirts of town at R. R. 1.

Their children are daughters Thelma (Mrs. George Barnes) and Lena (Mrs. Bill Nelles) who

live close by, and son William, who lives on Cook St. They have eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter, Julie Heatley.

The couple enjoy good health, and Mr. Morrison still drives to Milton to work as a guard each day. They are Baptists and were happy to receive congratulations from their former pastor, the Rev. Stanley Gammon.

Flowers, gifts and cards were received for the occasion.

### Summer in Latin America

## Student exchange program set up at Acton High

Principal David Katz of Acton District High School has announced formation of a chapter of International Fellowship, Inc., a student exchange program.

Mr. Katz said that the program has exchanged over 15,000 students between the United States and Latin American countries in the last 15 years.

Under the program, students

from Acton High may visit a country of their choice in exchange for hosting a student for three, six or nine months.

For each three months that a student attends Acton District High School, one local student may spend a summer in Latin America. Since the seasons are reversed, Mr. Katz points out that Canadian students will attend school while abroad, thus

becoming versed in Spanish without losing any time from classes at Acton.

The International Fellowship has established a Canadian office in Toronto, since many Canadian schools are participating in our exchange student program.

Any parents in the community interested in accepting an exchange student are invited to the High School on Wednesday, October 7, when Mr. Coats and Mr. Skerrett will outline the program.

## Ask manor doctor to resign position

A long-standing difference of opinion came to a head last week when Dr. J. W. McCutcheon of Milton and the Halton Centennial Manor Board of Management decided to part company. Dr. McCutcheon, who has been the home's physician for nine years, was asked to resign by the board.

The dispute centred around periodic health examinations. In June the doctor was asked by the Manor board to bring the residents' records up to date and

to see that every resident had at least one thorough examination each year. This had not been done in the past but was required by the provincial government.

Wednesday at a board meeting Dr. McCutcheon reported to the committee and offered a proposal that he felt would meet the needs. He suggested residents should be made aware that the health examination was available and what it includes. He said residents should have the privilege to accept or decline the examination and if they accepted, they should be given the choice of having their own doctor or the home physician do the exam.

Dr. McCutcheon said there was far too much paper work involved to give each resident a thorough examination. He said he was 65 years old and the board should consider a younger man. He noted the board might be wise, if it did not hire a younger man, to hire a semi-retired man on a full time basis.

Dr. McCutcheon will resign effective Oct. 30. He was paid \$14,000 a year on a part time basis.

## Warmer

Weather forecast for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, supplied by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food office in Milton:

Fair weather is expected for Wednesday and Thursday and likely showers on Friday. A warming trend is indicated during the latter half of the week with afternoon temperatures in the mid 60's Wednesday and near 70 by Friday. Overnight temperatures will range from 45-50 on Wednesday up to 50-55 by Friday.

### Rescues Susan Hill

Steven received the award for his action in rescuing 10-year-old Susan Hill from the waters of Fairy Lake March 6.

Susan was playing on the ice when it gave way and plunged her into deep water. Her heavy clothing became waterlogged and began dragging her under. Susan's sister Vickie tried to hang on but realizing she couldn't take the weight began to scream for help.

Steven Papillon was one of two boys who answered the call. One pulled back from the unsafe ice but he caught hold of Susan and held on, dragging her out of the water and back onto the ice. Scout awards are not given

lightly, said Commissioner Herbert. They are considered very carefully, investigated and the degree of the award depends on the deed. Steven's award is one of the highest.

**First Silver Cross**  
Steven's award is the first one in the Georgetown district. Attending the ceremony were Counsellor Murray Harrison, acting Scouter in the absence of Gordon McCann, Assistant District Commissioner Gordon Douglas, Georgetown, Rotary Club president John Anderson, counsellors and fellow scouts.

The brief ceremony followed an outdoor campfire by the 1st Acton Troop.

## Lays charges

Charges filed against the Golden Horseshoe Dragway for alleged violation of township by-laws that set out hours of operation, will be heard in provincial court in Milton October 19, Peter Bowman told Esqueving council Monday night.

Mr. Bowman contended the charges should have been laid by the township but he decided to go ahead when there was no action from council. He has been a consistent critic of dragway operations.

He is also laying charges under the Lord's Day Act which are being considered by Attorney-General Arthur Wishart. Eleven charges of trespassing are also being laid by Mr. Bowman against individuals allegedly using his property, which abuts the dragway to see action at the racing strip.

## Observe signs board requests

Acton Board of Parks Management is asking citizens to observe "No Trespassing" signs on a portion of land at the foot of Elmore Drive, adjacent to Fairy Lake.

Ownership of the land is presently in dispute but clarification is forthcoming. Until the dispute is settled, the board recommends the signs be honored.

The land is not under Parks Board jurisdiction.

## Credit Union hires full time manager

Acton Community Credit Union this week announced the appointment of a full time manager-treasurer to look after expanding business.

Brendan Aherne, 51 Moadvale Road, has been appointed to the new post. He will be in the office at 20 Mill St. E. five days each week, exclusive of Sundays and Mondays. Office hours have been extended, too, commencing Thursday, to service expansion of the credit union.

"It was simply a case of having to expand or sit still," said Mr. Aherne. Business of the Acton community credit union has grown steadily over the past few years, reaching the point where it requires a full time secretary-manager to operate properly.

Expansion of the credit union is another step in Acton's strengthening financial section which now boasts four banks, a loan company and the Credit Union.



BRENDAN AHERNE

### Hope for ice by October 10

Providing the weatherman cooperates, arena manager Harold Townsley hopes to have ice by Saturday, October 10.

Public skating hours this year are Sunday afternoon from 1.45 until 3.45 and Saturday night from 7.50 until 9.50.

### High Scout honor

## Award Silver Cross to Steven Papillon

Norman Herbert, Scout District Commissioner, added another honor to the long list of awards Citizen of the Year Steven Papillon has received this year.

At a brief campfire ceremony witnessed by his mother and father and dignitaries of the Scout world, Steven received one of the highest awards in scouting Thursday night — the Silver Cross.

Commissioner Herbert made the presentation of the emblem Thursday and the 12-year-old Acton scout will be presented with the Silver Cross medal at a fall investiture in Ottawa by the Country's chief scout, Governor General Roland Michener.



SCOUT STEVEN PAPILLON accepts the Silver Cross badge and accompanying letter from District Commissioner Norman Herbert with

Counsellor Murray Harrison assisting. The award is one of the highest a scout can receive.—(Staff Photo)